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**From:** Anthony Noel  
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**Subject:** Is this the moment?  
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Dr. Jacobs,

As a resident of coastal North Carolina who has very literally entrusted the lives of myself and my family to the veracity of information provided by NOAA generally and its National Hurricane Center specifically, I am gravely concerned about the agency's obvious and blatant capitulation to the ego of President of the United States in supporting his ridiculous claims about the threat to Alabama from Hurricane Dorian.

How can I trust anything coming from NOAA anymore? How can my family? Warren Buffet has said, "It takes 20 years to build a reputation and five minutes to ruin it. If you think about that, you'll do things differently." Clearly, the leadership of NOAA has forsaken thinking for cowering, truth for lies.

I am a lifelong independent voter--and journalist. I have never registered with any party, let alone either of the major parties. This is not about politics, it is about something I have worked all my life to uphold: Truth. It is about who we are as a nation. About holding our leaders accountable.

Mr. Trump has repeatedly shown that he is willing to politicize anything. It is up to professionals such as yourself to counter that. Instead NOAA has apparently opted to aid and abet his insecurity-driven assault on the truth, despite the fact that doing so risks real, life-and-death impacts on the health and safety of the American populace.

I can only hope, Mr. Jacobs, that you will choose to stand with the facts, come what may, and REFUSE TO STEP DOWN, lest we get a purely political appointee in your place. Until people in positions like yours--real scientists, with real access to real facts--become willing to openly challenge Mr. Trump's willingness to say whatever comes to mind without regard for the consequences, the truth will suffer--and worse, people will die.

Is this that moment? Only you can answer.

Thank you for your service, sir.

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